
Gambling Act Fees - Summary Report

Committee considering report:	Licensing Committee
Date of Committee:	18 July 2017
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Marcus Franks
Date Portfolio Member agreed report:	
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Forward Plan Ref:	N/a

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise the Committee that further provision should be made for the collection of seven chargeable fees under the Gambling Act 2005.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee approves the fees detailed in the document at Appendix A (2) for the listed categories of application made, effective immediately.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** Based upon full cost recovery and the setting of fees at 75% of the maximum permitted the service will recover its costs.
- 3.2 **Policy:** This policy determines the level of fees; however the fees can be reviewed within guidance.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None. The number of applications involved is relatively low and the work can be undertaken using existing resources.
- 3.4 **Legal:** It is a statutory requirement to set fees.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** If fees are not set the Council is unable charge for the applications which can be made under the Gambling Act 2005.
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** None

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 None

Executive Summary

5. Introduction / Background

- This authority's Licensing Committee has been delegated responsibility for setting fees in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
- Premises licences are required to authorise premises to provide gambling facilities and the type of licences issued are for a small casino, bingo, betting premises, including tracks, adult gaming centres and family entertainment centres.
- The Authority's responsibilities are those of considering applications for premises licences and where appropriate issuing licences. The legislation requires that each application be accompanied by a fee.
- The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 outline the maximum fees permitted to be charged by Licensing Authorities to enable full cost recovery. A list of the maximum fees chargeable is set out in Appendix A (1) to this report.
- The Licensing Committee approved this Authority's Gambling Licensing fees at the meeting held on 17 July 2007. The fees were set at 75% of the maximum amount permitted and this was subsequently approved by full council at its meeting on 10th September 2007. This level was estimated at the time to cover the expected cost of the service.

6. Proposal

- Seven chargeable fees were not in the report given to the Licensing Committee on 17 July 2007 and it is proposed that these fees are now incorporated and also set at 75% of the maximum amount permitted and as detailed in Appendix A (2).

7. Conclusion

- The Licensing committee are required to set the additional fees to enable charges to be made for the itemised categories of application; all of which relate to Premises Licences issued under the Gambling Act 2005.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information –
- 8.2 Appendix A1 - Regulations 2007
- 8.3 Appendix A2 - Fees
- 8.4 Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment